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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to at times ample for the light to only fair demand. Schedules were noted as full-time to overtime. Spent hens were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal to heavy for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 3 cents lower for large. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available.

EXTRA LARGE	54-63	58-60
LARGE	54-62	56-59
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39

<b>IA-MN-WI</b> Prices paid to producers. <b>Range</b> <b>Mostly</b>		
LARGE	27-34	29
MEDIUM	10-14	12
SMALL	3-5	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged, however all asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower. The market tone was barely steady to weak entering the weekend. Demand was very light to occasionally moderate. Supplies remained readily available to instances ample. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for the fair demand. Spent hens were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy for the upcoming week.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	64-78	64-67
LARGE	58-72	63-67
MEDIUM	34-47	39-41

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged but trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for features. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies remained more on the available side but were showing signs of becoming more manageable in a few areas. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand remained light and selective for the fully adequate to at times ample offerings. Trading was very light for breaking stock as processors in the position to purchase additional product wait for prices to settle. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
LARGE	62.5-71	64-67
MEDIUM	37.5-46	39-42

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where feature activity was planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were readily available for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were adequate to full adequate for normal to heavy processing schedules.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	62.5-73	64-67
LARGE	61-70	62-65
MEDIUM	36.5-46	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed. Retail demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade needs.

	<b>RANGE</b>
EXTRA LARGE	61-65
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	39-43

**CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS** Prices for all sizes were unchanged. The market tone was steady, instances weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were readily available.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	60-68	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-63
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

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**WESTERN REGION EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone was very weak with asking prices for next week 10-11 cents lower on jumbo, 12 cents lower on extra large, 10 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand improved to mainly moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 10 cents lower on jumbo, 12 cents lower on extra large, 10 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand improved as the lower prices stimulated interest. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 53. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets - extra large dozen 99-119, medium 20 pack 99.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	111
EXTRA LARGE	103
LARGE	93
MEDIUM	73

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	84-100
EXTRA LARGE	82-91
LARGE	80-83
MEDIUM	60-63

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	269-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	199-205

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices were lower. Demand remained light and selective for the fully adequate to at times ample offerings. Trading was very light for breaking stock as processors in the position to purchase additional product wait for prices to settle. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to overtime. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb, minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen. **RANGE MOSTLY**

**BREAKING STOCK** 29-34

**CHECKS & UNDERGRADES** 19-25 19-21

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were lower when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was barely steady at current levels. Demand was only fair and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were irregular but generally heavy to overtime. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 07-Aug-2004 were 5% higher than last week, and 10% more than a year ago.

prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb. minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

**RANGE MOSTLY**  
**BREAKING STOCK** 31-35 32-34  
**CHECKS & UNDERGRADES** 18-25 19-24

EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

#### **EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 07-AUG-04**

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
 (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,296,088	30,676	12,282	6,334	2,508	4,581
PW	1,267,144	30,660	11,871	6,195	2,722	4,310
LY	1,219,067	29,564	11,171	6,160	2,695	4,362
% CHG PWK	2	0	3	2	-8	6
% CHG LY	6	4	10	3	-7	5
2004	37,828,797	898,327	362,963	198,434	86,101	129,848
2003	35,593,527	867,357	324,881	178,074	72,311	129,144
% CHANGE YTD	6	4	12	11	19	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.57	41.85	42.05
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.03	38.45	38.47

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 45 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was weak for whole egg and whites and steady to barely steady for yolk. Demand was fairly good for whole egg and whites with demand beginning to wane for yolk. Offerings were adequate for all products with processing schedules heavy and contractual add-ons slowing for whole egg. Many former liquid buyers had returned to producing their own liquid as breaking stock prices fell. Breaking stock prices were lower compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	13	33.5-40	37.88	-2.52
WHITES	13	41.75-46	43.98	-2.40
YOLKS	9	46-48.5	47.064	-1.84

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were lower on all items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was unsettled and in a range of barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was light with buyers purchasing on an as needed basis. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 07-August-2004 were unchanged from the previous week, but 3% more than a year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY (MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	44-51	45-47	52-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		64-80
WHITES	53-60	54-57	60-68
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	57-59	64-68
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	55-57	61-66

(/) - whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged 2 to 3 cents lower with whites 3 to 5 cents lower. Sugared yolk ranged 1 to 2 cents lower with salted yolk 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was weak for whole egg and whites and about steady to barely steady for sugared and salted yolk. Demand was at best moderate, with buyers shopping price and waiting for further developments while most sellers foresee continued downward trends in future markets. Offerings were fully adequate for all products. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

wholesale selling prices (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	45-48	45-46
WHITES	54-58	56
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	56

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 3 cents lower on whole, 4 cents lower on whites, and 1 cent lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/7 was 14 percent less than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample. wholesale selling prices, fob shipping point (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	51-54
WHITES	60-63
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	62-65

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Majority prices were unchanged to lower on yolks and blends, but lower on whole and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light with buyers watching further market developments. Supplies were fully sufficient for trade need. Trade sentiment was generally steady on yolks, and irregular but usually barely steady to weak on balance. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 07-Aug.-2004 were 8% less than the previous week, and 7% less than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 19% more than a year ago.

wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.79-2.15	MOSTLY 1.85-2.05
YOLKS	1.34-1.60	MOSTLY 1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.00-4.80	MOSTLY 4.15-4.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.55-1.80	MOSTLY 1.55-1.65

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 6, 2004-AUGUST 12, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 83.50								FUTURE LOADS 54.50								TOTAL LOADS 138.00								
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW				
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS
GNR W 1	37.00	46.00		38.00	39.00			—	—	8.00		GNR W 1	—	43.00		—	—			—	—			2.00
GNR BR 1	—	48.50		—	—			—	—	2.00		GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—			—	—			1.00
GL W J	—	—		55.00	62.00			62.72	—	6.25		GL W J	—	—		—	—			—	70.00			2.25
GL W XL	42.00	46.75		50.31	50.47			38.82	43.57	56.25		GL W XL	—	51.00		—	—			—	48.98			16.25
GL W LG	—	—		36.67	37.67			37.31	37.00	21.75		GL W LG	—	54.80		—	—			—	47.33			17.50
GL W MD	26.00	—		24.54	26.16			23.19	26.27	22.25		GL W MD	25.00	—		29.00	—			29.00	33.30			7.75
GL W SM	26.81	28.56		25.50	28.00			—	—	6.00														
GL BR LG	—	—		—	—			42.00	44.00	.75														
NRBS - 48	31.00	—		32.00	33.00			26.58	33.85	33.50														
NRBS - 45	—	—		31.00	32.00			24.00	28.32	15.50														

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady. **RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST** 5-12 9-10.5

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was light for spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant. **RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST** TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings were adequate to about adequate as some last minute shuffling was taking place in order to run full processing schedules for next week. Demand was fairly good. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST** 4-10 5-8

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	65.50	65.00	40.00
SOUTHEAST	65.50	63.50	39.00
MIDWEST	59.00	57.50	38.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	68.50	65.50	40.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.81	62.99	39.43

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners. Light canners prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally moderate for lights; fair to fairly good on heavy canners with most dressed product being used internally. Offerings were clearing and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25.5-32 MAJORITY 27-28	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
27-34 MAJORITY 30-31.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 07-Aug-04  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,324	1,407	2,731
Last Week	1,395	1,450	2,845
Same week yr ago	1,044	1,471	2,515
To-date/2004	41,829	40,756	82,585
To-date/2003	48,284	42,950	91,234

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	192	0	192
Last Week	273	0	273
Same week yr ago	205	7	212
To-date/2004	7,464	91	7,555
To-date/2003	8,000	111	8,111

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,516	1,407	2,923
Last Week	1,668	1,450	3,118
Same week yr ago	1,249	1,478	2,727
To-date/2004	49,293	40,847	90,140
To-date/2003	56,284	43,061	99,345

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 31, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	337	261	8,028	9,401
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	0	9	434	334
Total	337	270	8,473	9,831

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 31, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	187	121	4,133	3,275
Frozen	63	87	1,076	1,676
Dried	37	0	1,724	821
Total	287	208	6,933	5,772

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S. Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 31, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	0	272	273
Extra Large	5,190	1,160	58,710	14,047
Large	5,800	2,540	133,434	60,694
Medium	1,506	0	59,426	34,953
Ungraded	2,376	6,660	177,576	57,506
Misc	0	0	15,504	3,432
Total	14,872	10,360	444,922	170,905

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week (s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Aug 10, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	115	111	74	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	107-111	103-107	65-69	47-51
MOSTLY	109-110	105-106	67-68	49-50
RHODE ISLAND	113-117	99-113	72-76	51-55
MOSTLY	113	99	72	51
VERMONT	114-115	110-112	73-75	-
MOSTLY	114	110	73	-

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 07-Aug-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	25.5	26.7	-4	21
Boston	3.5	3.6	-3	6
Chicago	58.4	59.7	-2	-12
Detroit	23.8	35.8	-34	-9
Kansas City	4.0	4.0	0	-2
Los Angeles	88.4	87.4	1	-12
New Orleans	8.2	9.0	-9	-25
New York	27.6	28.8	-4	-12
St. Louis	22.6	16.6	36	23
San Francisco	19.4	19.4	0	-10
Total	281.4	291.0	-3	-7
4 Week Moving Avg.	290.2			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 07-August-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	227.7	0	10
East North Central	572.2	1	4
West North Central	268.9	-1	-9
South Atlantic	215.8	2	3
South Central	69.8	6	3
West	187.1	1	-4
Total	1541.5	1	1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING PREVIOUS WEEK 85  
LAST YEAR 85

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 08/09/04	3,315	182,053	57,344
AM 08/01/04	3,334	197,542	54,909
CHG	-19	-15489	2435
PCT CHG	-1%	-8%	4%

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**PROCESSED EGGS: Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs (2nd Fri)**

AS OF JULY 31, 2004

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,958,723	18	23
FREE FLOWING	5,506,743	20	51
BLEND	2,233,723	38	51
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	5,086,583	15	-17
BLEND	94,850	-4	-8
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,663,513	-18	-16
BLEND	41,687	2	-38
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	5,192,098	13	10
TOTAL	21,777,920	15	10

**DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:**

JUNE 27, 2004 - JULY 31, 2004

TOTAL 14,979,000 POUNDS.

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Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on PRrevious reports.

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